Non-working of coast guard station at Jakhu Port

3389. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Coast Guard station which was sanctioned long ago is still not working at Jakhu port in Kutch district; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Coast Guard Station at Jakhau has not yet been sanctioned by the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Chinese army in Koko Islands

†3390. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a serious danger has been posed before the Andaman and Nicobar Islands due to concentration of Chinese army in small and big Koko Islands situated in the Bay of Bengal;

(b) whether Government are aware towards the defence keeping in view of continuous increasing activities of Chinese army; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Government are aware of the presence of a detachment of Chinese defence personnel in Coco Islands purportedly for assisting Myanmar Armed Forces in manning/maintaining Radar and Communication equipment. However, it does not persently pose any threat to the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Suitable measures to ensure security and surveillance in and around the Andman and Nicobar Group of Islands continue to be taken.

Defence preparedness to curb Pakistani intentions

3391. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether proxy war and terrorist activities against India have been intensified after the Kargil war;

(b) if so, the preparations with regard to defence to curb the dangerous intentions of Pakistan and to give a befitting reply; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) The Kargil misadventure by Pakistan resulted in a major defeat for that country, both on the diplomatic and the military front. As a face saving measure, they have embarked upon a renewed campaign to step up militancy in J&K, to project that J&K continues to remain a "flash point" requiring intervention by the International community.

Attempts are being made by Pakistan to give a further impetus to terrorist activities in the State of J&K over the past few months. Pakistan Army is training, arming, financing and infiltrating terrorists across the Line of Control.

Adequate measures have been taken to check infiltration from across the border and to tackle the problem of terrorism in J&K. There tier deployment is being maintained and operations are carried out in the hinterland to deal with terrorists who have infiltrated.

Review of National Security System

3392. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are undertaking time bound steps in reviewing the National Security System through independent body, as suggested by Kargil Review Commiteee;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) The Government has in view of the importance and sensitivity of the subject and after careful consideration of the recommendations of the Kargil Review Committee and other relevant aspects decided that the national security system in its entirety by thoroughly reviewed by a Group of Minister headed by the Home Affairs with Raksha Mantri, External Affairs Minister and Finance Minister as its members.

Use of arms in elections

3393. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken to prevent use and show of arms and weapons during electioneering and polling; and